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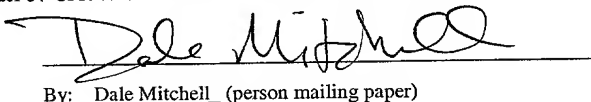
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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231*

This is a request for filing, under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), a(n):

- ☐ Original (non-provisional) application.
- ☒ **Divisional of prior application Serial No. 10/021,203, filed on October 30, 2001.**
- ☐ Continuation of prior application Serial No. \_\_, filed on \_\_.
- ☐ Continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_, filed on \_\_.

For Divisional and Continuation applications ONLY:

- ☒ **Copy of Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form from parent application is enclosed (as noted below in Enclosures).**
- ☒ **Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.**

For all Divisional, Continuation and Continuation-in-part applications:

- ☐ Small Entity Status was requested in the prior application, and small entity status is still proper and desired.
- ☒ **This application is assigned to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION of New Orchard Road, Armonk, New York 10504 by virtue of an earlier assignment filed in the prior application, at Reel UNKNOWN, Frames UNKNOWN, an executed copy of which is enclosed (as noted below in Enclosures).**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/CALCULATION OF FEES**

- ☐ Please cancel claims \_\_ without prejudice, and prior to calculating the fees. \_\_ total claim(s), of which \_\_ is(are) independent, is(are) pending after the amendment.
- ☐ Please enter the enclosed preliminary amendment identified below prior to calculating the fees. \_\_ total claim(s), of which \_\_ is(are) independent, is(are) pending after the amendment.
- ☐ Small Entity Status is Requested
- ☒ **The Fees are Calculated as Follows:**

Fee:	Number of Claims:	In Excess of:	Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	20	20	0	\$18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	3	1	\$84	\$84.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					
BASIC FEE					\$740.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$824.00
REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY					
TOTAL					\$824.00

**ENCLOSURES**

- ☒ **Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (in duplicate) containing Certificate of Mailing By Express Mail Under 37 CFR 1.10.**
- ☒ **Return Postcard.**

APPLICATION PAPERS

- ☒ **Utility Patent Application, with: cover sheet, 1 page(s) specification (including 20 total claim(s), of which 4 is(are) independent), and 1 page(s) abstract.**
- ☒ **Drawings: 4 sheet(s) of formal drawings ( 10 total figure(s)).**
- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence, including (all are necessary): Computer Readable Copy, Paper Copy (identical to computer copy), and Statement verifying identity of copies.
- ☐ An \_\_ Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form.
- ☒ **Copy of Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition Form from prior application identified above.**
- ☒ **Copy of Executed Assignment from Joseph Philip Bigus, Carol Ann Egan, Earl Walter Emerick and Terry C. Reed to International Business Machines Corporation from prior application identified above.**
- ☐ Certified Copy of priority document(s) identified as attached above.

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

- ☐ Assignment to \_\_, Recordation Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595)
- ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment (to be entered prior to calculation of fees)
- ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement, 2 sheet(s) Form PTO-1449.**
- ☐ Other: \_\_

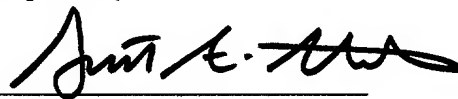
CHECKS

- ☒ A Check of \$824.00 for the filing fee.  
☐ A Check of     for the assignment recording fee.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION**

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of    .  
☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.  
☐ THE PAYMENT OF FEES IS BEING DEFERRED.

Respectfully Submitted,



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